

Real Christianity: The Sermon on the Mount

#1: How should we preach the word?

Matthew 5:1

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them. (Matt 5:1 NLT)

Primary point: Jesus taught topically, practically, and with repetition.

A) Topical vs. verse by verse teaching

There are many doctrines in Scripture that will not be very well understood with verse by verse teaching. (e.g. Luke 24:27)

B) Practical truth vs. Bible trivia

Be careful of the claim that Bible knowledge and Bible studies is the key to spiritual power.

Why were the Christians of the first three hundred years of the Church so powerful, godly, and fruitful even though virtually none of them possessed a NT?

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up” (1 Cor 8:1 NIV).

C) Repetition vs. novelty

Why did Jesus and the Apostles repeat themselves so often? (2 Pet 1:12).

Don't claim to fully understand something until you can clearly and accurately teach it.

Discussion ?'s

- 1) Why do you think Jesus taught topically?
- 2) What are topics in the Sermon on the Mount that especially interest you?
- 3) Why did Paul warn us, “Knowledge puffs up but love builds up” (1 Cor 8:1)?
- 4) How would you explain the fact that most Christians for the first 300 years of the Church did not possess a NT, but were among the godliest Christians in history?
- 5) Can you give an example of when you gained a deeper understanding of something in Scripture only after reading it or hearing it several times?
- 6) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?